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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA DECRIES "BOLD" INTERVENTIONISTS
WHO DO NOT FEAR WAR

1. ON JAN. 16, PRES ECHEVERRIA WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT AN ANNUAL DIPLOMATIC CORPS LUNCHEON FOR PRESIDENT. HIS SPEECH WAS BRIEF, REFLECTIVE, AND STAESMANLIKE IN TONE. HIGHLIGHTS OF HIS REMARKS (INFORMAL TRANSLATION) FOLLOW:

2. A. "...WE WOULD HOPE, THIS YEAR FOR SOME DIMINUTION OF CONFLICT IN THE WORLD...SOME LESSENING OF THE MANY-FACTED EAGERNESS FOR INTERVENTION... SOME RELIZATION OF THE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES FOR HUMANITY IF THERE IS NOT-ESTABLISHED A FAR-SIGHTED POLICY BASED ON AN UNDERSTANDING OF HISTORY AND THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THESE INTERVENTIONIST URGES HAVE MANY ASPECTS... AND HAVE REACHED EXTREMES WHICH WERE NEVER CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE IN INTERNATIONAL LIFE... NOW (INTERVENTIONS) ARE PROLIFERATING TO THE DETRIMENT OF MEDIUM AND SMALL COUNTRIES."

B. "WE HAVE AND WILL MAINTAIN HERE THAT UNLESS A BALANCED AND RESPECTFUL SYSTEM IS ESTABLISHED (IN THE WORLD) IN THE ECONOMIC, MILITARY, AND IDEOLOGICAL FIELDS, ZONES OF TENSION IN THE WORLD WILL MULTIPLY AND EFFORTS TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS ACCORDING TO LAW INSTEAD OF RESORTING TO FORCE WILL BE ABANDONED."

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C. "WE HAVE REITERATED HERE, AS A DEVELOPING COUNTRY...

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THAT UNLESS AN EQUITABLE NEW INTERNAIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER IS
ESTABLISHED THERE WILL BE WAR..."

D. "IT APPEARS THAT THERE ARE MANY "BOLD ONES" (VALIENTES)
WHO ARE NOT CONCERNED (OVER THE PROSPECT OF) WAR.
PERHAPS THE (TRULY) BOLD THING WOULD BE TO DECIDE, AMONG
HUMANITY IN GENERAL, TO MAKE A GREAT EFFORT OF SOLIDARITY
THROUGH FAR-SIGHTED PROPOSALS...TO ACCELERATE THE IN-
AUGURATION OF A NEW HISTORIC ERA -- NOT TO AWAIT
NEW CATASTROPHES, OR TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT, BUT RATHER
WITH THE ELEMENTS OF CIVILIZATION, OF CULTURE, OF
INSTRUMENTS FOR THE DOMINATION AND TRANSFORMATION OF NATURE,
TO SPEED UP THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATION SOCIAL
PHILOSOPHY IN WHICH ALL CAN SURVIVE IN HARMONY..."

3. COMMENT: PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S REMARK ABOUT "THE BOLD ONES"
WHO AE UNCONCERNED OVER THE PROSPECT OF WAR
COULD, OF COURSE, RELATE TO THE "GREAT NUCLEAR POWERS" WHICH
HE FREQUENTLY LAMBASTES AS INTERVENTIONIST. BUT IN THIS CASE
IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT HE DOES NOT EXPLICITLY REFER TO THE
GREAT POWERS AND THE INTERNAL EVIDENCE OF THE SPEECH
SUGGESTS THAT HE MAY HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO CUBAN
INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA. (AMBASSADOR JOVA, WHO OF COURSE
ATTENDED THE LUNCH, ALSO DERIVED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE
REFERENCE WAS TO CUBA.) ECHEVERRIA HAS BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT
OF THOSE LATIN AMERICAN LEADERS PRESSING FOR REINCORPORATION
OF CUBAN INTO THE HEMISPHERIC FAMILY. RECENTLY, THE
AMBASSADOR HAS INVITED PRES. ECHEVERRIA AND OTHER TOP
GOM OFFICIALS TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBLE HEMISPHERIC
CONSEQUENCES OF CUBA'S DEMONSTRATED ABILITY, WITH SOVIET

HELP, TO FIELD A VERY SUBSTANTIAL MILITARY FORCE, BY LA
STANDARDS,HALF WAY AROUND THE GLOBE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT
WE ARE SEEING THE FIRST FRUITS OF THAT SEED.
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